IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A method for connecting an airgap-insulated exhaust manifold (3) to an inlet port (12) of a housing (13) of a turbocharger ~~an exhaust assembly (5)~~,

the exhaust manifold having an inner pipe (7), which is a gas-carrying pipe (7) of the exhaust manifold (3), and an outer pipe (9), which outer pipe (9) is manufactured from at least one sheet metal component, and

at least the port (12) of the turbocharger housing (13) ~~exhaust assembly (5)~~ being manufactured from cast metal, said method comprising:

introducing the inner pipe (7) into the port (12) of the housing (13) of the turbocharger ~~exhaust assembly (5)~~ and

welding the port (12) by means of a pulse-welding method to the at least one sheet metal ~~component from which the~~ outer pipe (9) ~~is manufactured~~.

21. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the connection is provided by means of a pulsed welding current source.

22. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein a laser welding method is employed.

23. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein a TIG welding method is employed.

24. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein an MAG welding method is employed.

25. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least those regions of the at least one sheet metal component (9) and of the port (12) of the exhaust assembly (5) which are to be welded together are thermally controlled to a processing temperature before welding.

26. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least those regions of the at least one sheet metal component (9) and of the port (12) of the exhaust assembly (5) which are to be welded together are cooled in a controlled manner after welding.

27. (currently amended) An ~~connection~~ airgap-insulated exhaust manifold (3) connected to an inlet port (12) of a housing (13) of a turbocharger, ~~including~~

wherein the ~~an~~ exhaust manifold (3)~~, which~~ has an inner pipe (7)), which is a gas-carrying pipe (7) of the exhaust manifold (3), and an outer pipe (9), the outer pipe (9) being manufactured from at least one sheet metal component, ~~and~~

~~a port (12) of an exhaust assembly (5),~~

wherein at least the port (12) of the housing of the turbocharger ~~the exhaust assembly (5)~~ is manufactured from cast metal,

wherein the connection is formed by introducing the inner pipe (7) of the exhaust manifold (3) into the port (12) of the turbocharger ~~exhaust assembly (5)~~ while sliding the outer pipe over the outside of the inlet port (12), and producing a weld joining the at least one sheet metal outer pipe ~~component~~ (9) and the turbocharger inlet port (12) by means of a pulse-welding method.

28. (canceled)

29. (canceled)